Amendments in the claims:

Claim 1 (Original): An image processing apparatus comprising:

an input part that inputs a page description language composed of an image-forming command;

an analyzing part that predicts an image upon printing by analyzing a content of the page description language inputted by the input part; and

a rewriting part that rewrites the content of the inputted page description language according to the prediction by the analyzing unit.

Claim 2 (Original): An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the analyzing part predicts whether image deterioration will occur or not upon printing, and the rewriting part rewrites the content of the page description language in case where the analyzing unit predicts that the image deterioration will occur.

Claim 3 (Original): An image processing apparatus comprising:

an input part that inputs a page description language composed of an image-forming command;

an analyzing part that predicts whether image deterioration will occur or not upon printing by analyzing a content of the page description language inputted by the input part;

an image-forming part that forms a raster image according to the content of the page description language inputted by the input part; and

a compensation processing part that performs, according to the prediction by the analyzing part, compensation processing on the raster image formed by the image-forming part for reducing image deterioration upon printing.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

an input part that inputs a page description language composed of an image-forming command;

an analyzing part that predicts whether image deterioration will occur or not upon printing by analyzing a content of the page description language inputted by the input part;

an image-forming part that forms a raster image according to the content of the page description language inputted by the input part; and

an information adding part that adds, according to the prediction by the analyzing part, additional information showing at least whether the image deterioration will occur or not upon printing in the raster image formed by the image-forming part according to the page description language inputted by the input part.

Claim 5 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the analyzing part predicts that the image deterioration will occur upon printing when a difference between densities of two adjacent areas is larger than a predetermined threshold value.

Claim 6 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the analyzing part predicts that the image deterioration occurs upon printing when a distance between each boundary of two adjacent areas is more than a predetermined threshold value.

Claim 7 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the rewriting part determines whether the rewriting of the page description language is performed or not based upon an instruction from a user.

Claim 8 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the compensation processing part determines whether the compensation processing is performed or not based upon an instruction from a user.

Claim 9 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the information adding part determines whether the additional information is added or not based upon an instruction from a user.

Claim 10 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the rewriting part determines whether rewriting of the page description language is performed or not based upon a print mode designated by a user.

Claim 11 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the compensation processing part determines whether compensation processing is performed or not based upon a print mode designated by a user.

Claim 12 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the information adding part determines whether the additional information is added or not based upon a print mode designated by a user.

Claim 13 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the rewriting part determines whether rewriting of the page description language is performed or not based upon a kind of application software that has output the page description language to the input part.

Claim 14 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the compensation processing part determines whether compensation processing is performed or not based upon a kind of application software that has output the page description language to the input part.

Claim 15 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the information adding part determines whether the additional information is added or not based upon a kind of application software that has output the page description language to the input part.

Claim 16 (New): An image processing method comprising:

inputting a page description language composed of an image-forming command;

predicting an image upon printing by analyzing a content of the inputted page description language; and

rewriting the content of the inputted page description language according to the analyzed prediction.

Claim 17 (New): An image processing method comprising:

inputting a page description language composed of an image-forming command;

predicting whether image deterioration will occur or not upon printing by analyzing a content of the inputted page description language;

forming a raster image according to the content of the inputted page description language; and

performing compensation processing on the formed raster image for reducing image deterioration upon printing according to the analyzed prediction.

Claim 18 (New): An image processing method comprising:

inputting a page description language composed of an image-forming command;

predicting whether image deterioration will occur or not upon printing by analyzing a content of the inputted page description language;

forming a raster image according to the content of the inputted page description language; and

adding additional information showing at least whether the image deterioration will occur or not upon printing in the formed raster image according to the analyzed prediction.